

### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the application as follows:

SPLITTING ELEMENT, [[BODY,]] LIGHT ~~EMITTING~~ EMITTER, [[BODY]] AND  
OPTICAL PICKUP ~~DEVICE~~ APPARATUS

On page 1, under the title of the application, please insert the following new paragraph with title:

### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a National Phase filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/003778 filed on March 19, 2004, and which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-092110 filed on March 28, 2003, the contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.